

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a location of an image referenced within a stream of document data of a first system, the method comprising:
 prescanning the ~~data-stream~~ publication data for verifying the image exists at the location; the prescanning step comprising:
 automatically initiating a scan, by the print controller, of the incoming publication data to search for references to image files which are not locally accessible, and verifying that those references are correct;
 if the image does not exist at the location, manually entering a location of the image; and verifying that the manually entered location of the image is correct;
 finding a comment within the ~~data-stream~~ publication data;
 determining a location of the image, stored using a second system different from the first, as a function of the comment;
 gathering the image at a local location;
 retrieving the image based on the verified pathname and inserting the image into the publication data; and
 outputting the publication data to the output medium via the output device.
2. (Original) The method for determining a location of the image as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
 the finding step includes:
 identifying, as a function of the comment, a reference to the image within the data stream; and
 the determining step includes:
 determining the location of the image as a function of the reference.

3. (Original) The method for determining a location of the image as set forth in claim 1, wherein the determining step includes:
identifying a potential mapping to a potential location of the image.

4. (Original) The method for determining a location of the image as set forth in claim 3, further including:
identifying an additional potential mapping to an additional potential location of the image.

5. (Original) The method for determining a location of the image as set forth in claim 1, wherein the determining step includes:
identifying a potential search path to a potential location of the image.

6. (Original) The method for determining a location of the image as set forth in claim 5, further including:
identifying an additional search path to an additional potential location of the image.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A method for outputting publication data to an output medium via an output device, the method comprising:

(i) _____ at least one of:

(a) _____ comparing a comment within the publication data to path mappings to identify a potential pathname of data for an object within the publication data; and

(b) _____ comparing the comment to search paths to identify the potential pathname of the object data within the publication data;

(ii) _____ prescanning the publication data for verifying the potential pathname;

(iii) _____ substituting the verified pathname for the comment in the publication data;

(iv) _____ retrieving the data based on the verified pathname and inserting the object data into the publication data; and

(v) _____ outputting the publication data to the output medium via the output device.

11. (Original) The method for outputting publication data as set forth in claim 10, further including:

gathering the output data for the object onto a local memory device.

12. (Original) The method for outputting publication data as set forth in claim 10, further including:

predefining the path mappings and search paths.

13. (Original) The method for outputting publication data as set forth in claim 10, further including:

if the potential pathname is not verified in the prescanning step, prompting a user to manually enter the potential pathname.

14. (Original) The method for outputting publication data as set forth in claim 13, further including:

after the potential pathname is manually entered, rescanning the publication data.

15. (Original) The method for outputting publication data as set forth in claim 10, wherein the outputting step includes:

outputting the publication data within a xerographic environment.

16. (Previously Presented) A system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image on a medium, comprising:

a processing device for identifying, as a function of at least one of a) a mapping and b) a search path and as a function of a comment representing a low-resolution version of the image, a storage location within a processing network, data corresponding to a high-resolution version of the image being saved at the storage location, wherein the processing device prescans data corresponding to the high-resolution version of the image; and

an output device, communicating with the processing device, for producing the high-resolution version of the image on the medium as a function of the data saved at the storage location.

17. (Original) The system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image as set forth in claim 16, wherein the processing device substitutes an identifier of the storage location of the high-resolution version of the image for an identifier of a storage location of the low-resolution version of the image.

18. (Original) The system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image as set forth in claim 16, wherein a user previously enters the mapping and the search path.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image as set forth in claim 16, wherein:

before the output device produces the high-resolution version of the image, the processing device gathers the data corresponding to the high-resolution version of the image to a local storage location.

21. (Original) The system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image as set forth in claim 16, wherein the output device operates within a xerographic environment.

22. (Previously presented) The system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image as set forth in claim 16, wherein said processing network is a first processing network, and wherein said high-resolution version of the image being saved at the storage location is within a second processing network different from the first.

23. (New) The method for outputting publication data as set forth in claim 10, wherein the prescanning step comprises:

automatically initiating a scan, by the print controller, of the incoming publication data to search for references to image files which may not be locally accessible, and verifying that those references are correct.

24. (New) The system for outputting a high-resolution version of an image as set forth in claim 16, wherein the prescanning of the incoming publication data is automatically initiated by the print controller to search for references to image files which

may not be locally accessible, and the references are then automatically verified.